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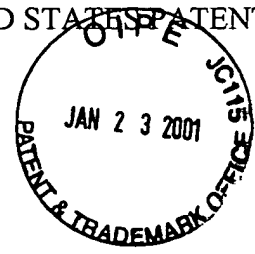
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the above application, please amend the claims  
as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1-68 and substitute therefor the following new claims 69-100:

--69. A system for processing financial transactions, said system comprising:

a plurality of financial transaction accounting systems;

a parsing processing server;

a user terminal permitting an operator to enter a group of transaction data sets into

5 said parsing processing server, each transaction data set comprising an amount and an account  
number and being associated with a respective one of said financial transaction accounting  
systems, at least two of said transaction data sets in said group being associated with a different  
said financial transaction accounting system;

10 said parsing processing server receiving said group of transaction data sets,  
determining if said group was correctly entered and, if so, sending each transaction data set in  
said bundle to that said financial transaction accounting system with which it is associated.

70. The system according to Claim 69, wherein said parsing processing server  
receives said transaction data sets from said user terminal across a first communication network  
and communicates with said financial transaction accounting system across a second network.

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